During the review of cost audit report, it was noticed that in most of the above cases the company's imported raw materials/intermediates were far in excess to their requirement. Thus the benefit received by the company in the form of duty draw back and cash compensatory support was much more than the entitlement. As per available information these cases were referred to Deptt. of Revenue by the Department of Company Affairs for further necessary action.

Instance of overcharging on drugs

1943. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1153 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th March, 1992 and state:

(a) when each instance of overcharging came to the notice of his ministry and why even after many years no action has been taken in those cases;

(b) whether any officer has been allowed to overstay his tenure due to proximity to the producers, if so, the period for which of Technical officer, Project Officer, Assistant Development Commissioner etc. were extended;

(c) whether it is a fact that these technical officers play to the tune of their senior bureaucrats and due to this they have been regarded with promotions etc; and

(d) what are the details of prices of scheduled drugs notified from June, 1991 and what were their earlier prices and what is the percentage of price increase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) As stated in answer to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1153 answered on 5th March, 1992, all the cases are still under examination.

(b) and (c) There are no such instances.

(d) The details of prices of scheduled drugs notified from June, 1991 with their earlier prices and percentage increase|decrease are given in the annexure. [*See Appendix CLXIII, Annexure No.* 63].

Overcharging the price of certain drugs

1944. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 418 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th February, 1992 and state:

(a) whether cases of overcharging of price of Chloramphenicol by a number of companies overcharging of price of Dextropropaxyphene overcharging of Price of Penicillin by HAL and overcharging of price of Ephedrine where notices have been issued were not within the notice of his Ministry;

(b) since when they escaped notice and on what consideration;

(c) what are the reasons for which his Ministry did not take notice of overcharging of price of Ampicillin Sodium Sterile and Erythromycin by Mehta Pharmaceuticals;

(d) whether details of formulations for which prices have been overcharged are systematically missing; and

(a) what are the complete details of the cases that have come to the notice of Government during 1992 till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) This Department received some complaints regarding overcharging of prices of Chloramphenicol Powder by some manufacturers in the small scale sector producing from L-base (an imported intermediate). The case of overcharging the price of Dextropropoxyphene also came to the notice of this Department. The relevant details|data is being collected from the manufacturers who overcharged the prices fixed by the Government.